

### REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 9-12, 14, and 15 are pending in the application upon entry of the amendments. Claim 9 has been amended to better describe the invention. Favorable reconsideration in light of the amendments and the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

#### Allowable Subject Matter and Amendments

The Examiner's indication that the subject matter of claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, and 15 is allowable is noted with appreciation. Method claim 9 has been amended to specify the neurodegeneration disease treated by the method.

#### The Enablement Rejection

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for enablement with regard to diseases of treatment. Claim 9 has been amended to specify that encephalic ischemia is treated by the subject method. Since the Examiner acknowledges that there is enablement for treating encephalic ischemia, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

#### The Obviousness Rejections

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Wenzel et al. Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Castillo et al in view of Wenzel et al.

Wenzel et al relates to using a flavone compound to inhibit the biosynthesis of cyclooxygenase-2 in the treatment of arthritis and Alzheimer's disease. Castillo et al relates to the treatment of amyloidosis (undesirable extracellular deposit of an amyloid protein) by administering a compound that arrests amyloid deposition and accumulation.

Neither Wenzel et al nor Castillo et al disclose, teach, suggest, or even mention treating encephalic ischemia. Accordingly, one skilled in the art would NOT have been

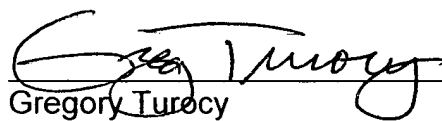
motivated by Wenzel et al and/or Castillo et al to treat encephalic ischemia. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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